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Dear Mr. Peters:

I have to thank you for your long and very interesting letter. I think that it puts the case of the Germans very fairly. My own position has been from the beginning that when Germans are faithfully doing their ordinary duties and give no evidence of misusing their privileges or attracting public attention by unnecessary controversy they should remain unmolested. They are undoubtedly in very trying circumstances, having been plunged into it without any fault of their own, but of course this abominable spy system that as far as I can judge the military power of Germany has put into exercise is accountable for a great deal. The whole thing is to me an awful tragedy. I hope, however, that we shall be able to stem the present popular movement and that people will begin to think quietly again. We shall of course have to live with Germans in the future and it will be best for all concerned to treat them with absolute fairness and justice at present.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.